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**PATENT**

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**RESPONSE SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION**

This amendment accompanies a request for continued examination. An amendment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116 was filed February 11, 2008 with a one-month extension of time. Applicant(s) hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to extend the shortened statutory period for response to May 8, 2008. Applicant(s) believes no other extension of time is required. However, Applicant(s) conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee, or for any deficiency in the enclosed fee.

Applicant(s) appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and request reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following:

- Remarks, beginning on Page 2 of this paper.